

Climate Change Initiative

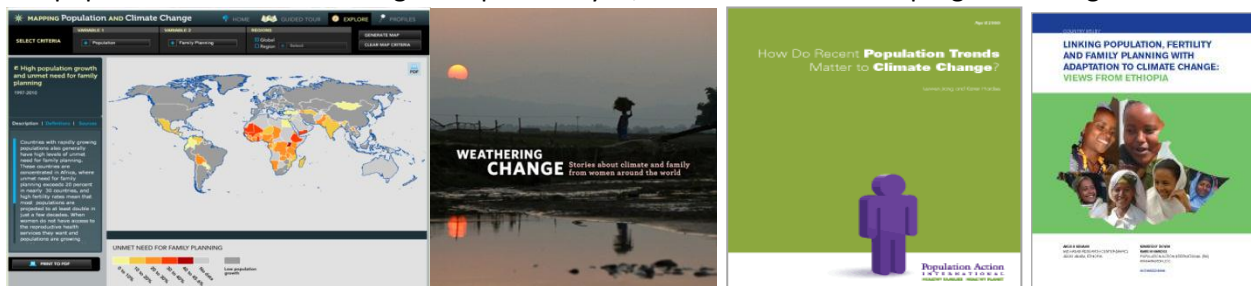
Population Action International advocates for women and families to have access to contraception in order to improve their health, reduce poverty and protect their environment. Our research and advocacy strengthen U.S. and international assistance for family planning. We work with local and national leaders in developing countries to improve their reproductive health care programs and policies. PAI shows how these programs are critical to global concerns, such as preventing HIV, combating the effects of environmental degradation and climate change, and strengthening national security. PAI's climate change initiative further PAI's mission by deepening decision-makers' understanding in developing countries and in the United States of the relationship between population, gender, and climate change so that family planning/reproductive health and gender equity are recognized and incorporated into responses to climate change and development challenges.

Our objectives are to:

1. **Promote the use of existing and emerging research for policy.** We will continue to build the evidence base for, and investigate the policy implications of, the ways in which demographic variables, gender, and reproductive health impact carbon emissions, climate change vulnerability, and resilience at local, national, and international levels.
2. **Highlight the benefits of linking reproductive health and family planning to climate change responses.** We will focus on why reproductive health and family planning should be a component of US and international funding, policies and programs for climate change mitigation and adaptation.
3. **Increase support for reproductive health and family planning integration into national climate and development policies and programs.** We will mobilize support for the incorporation of population, family planning/reproductive health, and gender into national climate and development plans and policies in vulnerable countries and for the implementation of resulting programs and projects.
4. **Strengthen the design and implementation of adaptation approaches, programs, and projects.** We will promote the incorporation of population, family planning/reproductive health, and gender into adaptation approaches, programs and projects, drawing on the lessons from integrated population, health and environment (PHE) projects and other initiatives.

Current projects:

For more information on our current projects please visit our website at www.populationaction.org. There you will find information on our research, our award winning climate film, *Weathering Change*, our population and climate change hotspots analysis, and our resources for program managers.



Strategies:

In order to maximize our impact we are working to:

- **Develop and sustain partnerships with leading research centers**, including those in key developing countries, to deepen knowledge of population, gender, and climate change linkages.
- **Strengthen the capacity of advocacy partners** in key countries to advance knowledge and application on the integration of population into climate change policies and programs.
- **Build population-climate integration in a variety of key associated sectors** including the development, environmental, climate and family planning/reproductive health NGO communities.
- **Engage stakeholders at multiple levels:** At the global and country level, increase support for integrating population-climate linkages into funding and adaptation strategies. In the United States, ensure that U.S. Congressional representatives and appropriators acknowledge population-climate-adaptation linkages.
- **Optimize communication opportunities** in key global events, through media engagement, and by reaching multiple audiences in various forums such as trainings, conferences and meetings.
- **Maximize PAI's unique position and approach** within the reproductive health sector through coalition building, small grants administration, congressional field visits, and advocacy films.

Anticipated Outcomes:

- **Information used for programs and policies:** Decision-makers, policy/program advisors and multilateral organizations use PAI analysis and information for climate change and development policy deliberations and plans (including vulnerability assessments, NAPAs, Poverty Reduction Strategies, and National Development Strategies).
- **U.S. support increased:** U.S. policymakers in Congress and administration legislate on and support population and climate linkages.
- **Additional funding leveraged:** Multilateral climate assistance funds and private foundations increase funding for linking reproductive health/family planning and gender equity initiatives with climate change and the environment.
- **Developing country capacity strengthened:** Research and policy partners in developing countries analyze population and climate change linkages and use those analyses for national and international advocacy purposes.

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